Department of Veterans Affairs

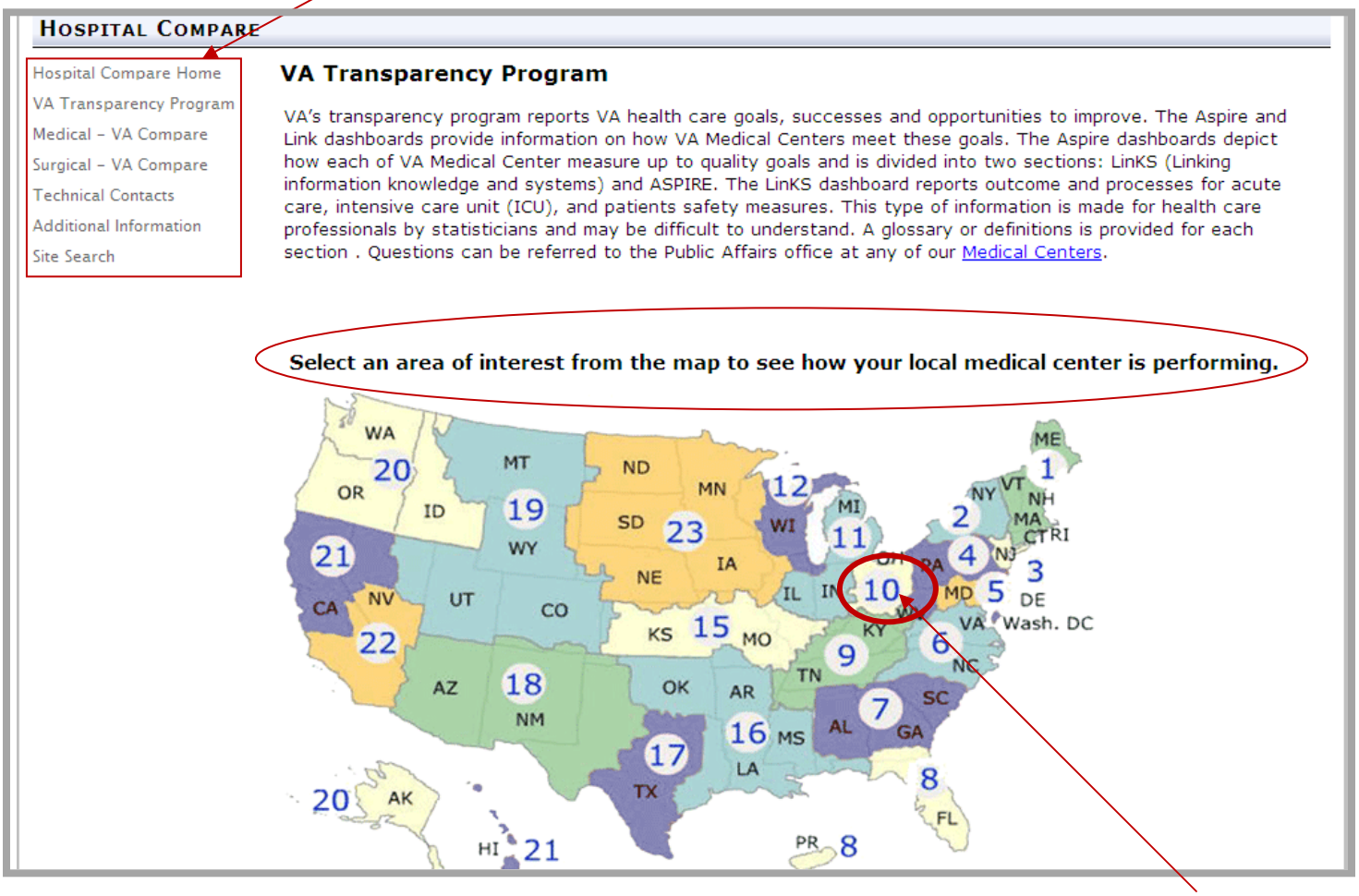
Office of Quality and Safety

VA Hospital Compare

ASPIRE User Guide

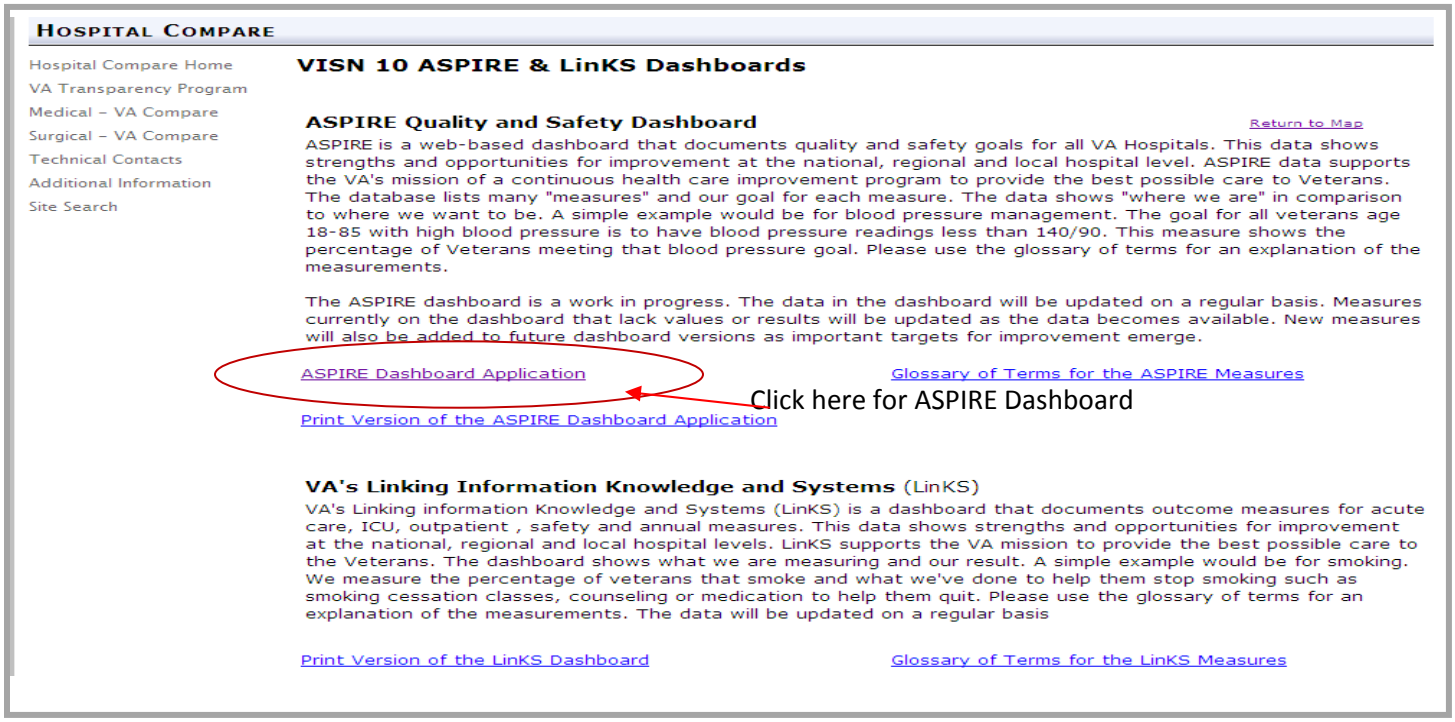
Website: You can connect to the Aspire dashboard from the www.hospitalcompare.va.gov website

When you click on “Compare a VA Hospital,” this page opens. To return to the prior page click on link to return to VA Compare

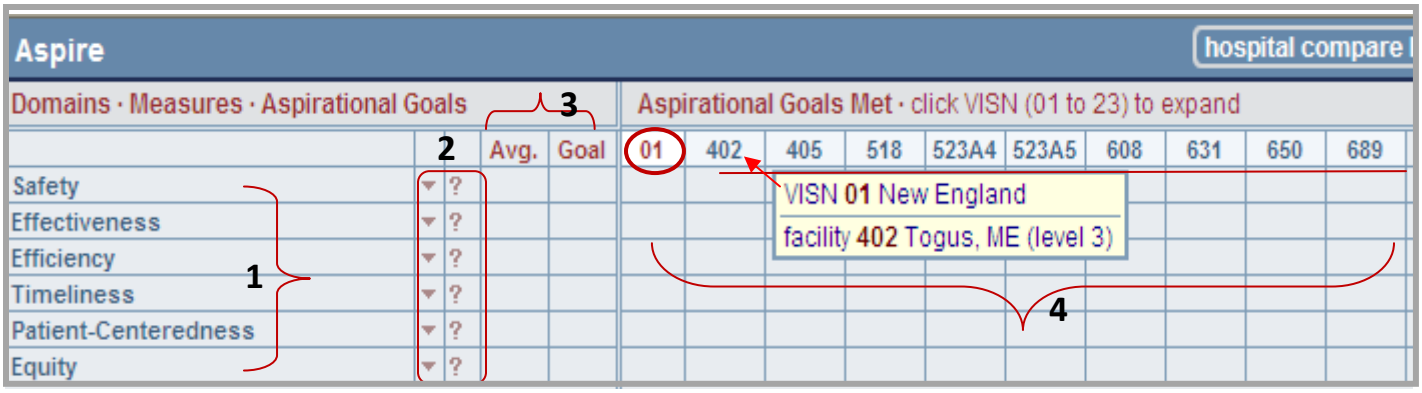


You will see results of the VA medical center of interest by clicking over the region where the VA medical center is located.

The next screen shows links or how to get to the ASPIRE dashboard or the LinKS dashboard. Access to the glossary or definitions for the measures in each dashboard are right next to the dashboard links.

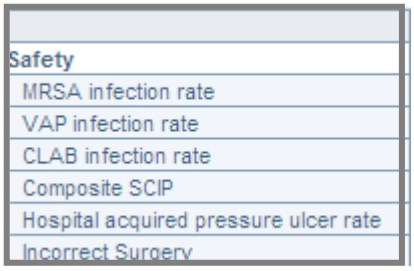


This is the next screen when you click on the ASPIRE dashboard. Go to the left hand bottom screen and click continue to get to the information.



From left to right

1 DOMAINS: Are broad categories. Each domain contains measures. Click on a domain and the measures and results for that category will be displayed



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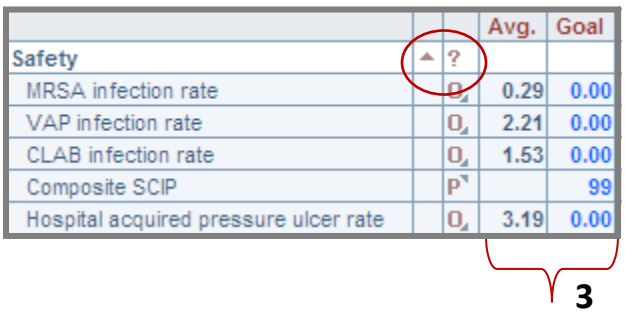
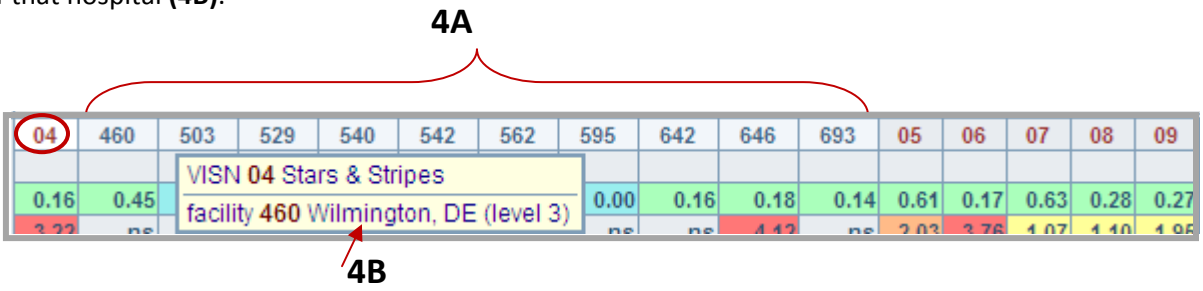
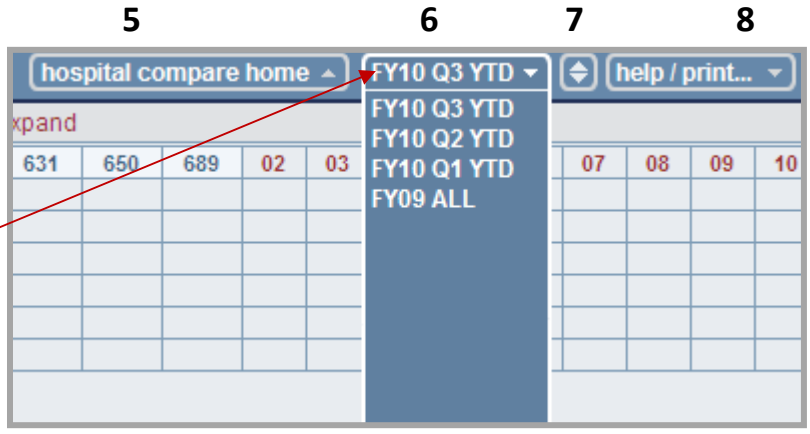
2 Click on ▼ to open the domain. At this time the results for the measures will be visible. Click ? to display definition of domain



3 **Avg** reports the VA national average for the domain and measure; **Goal** identifies the target if care was perfect for domain and measure

4 Veteran Integrated System Networks (VISN) or regions are numbered from from 1-23 across the top of the dashboard. Click on the VISN (refer to map for region number) and the hospitals in the region will be displayed **(4A)** . If you hold the cursor or pointer over the facility identification number, you will see the name and location of that hospital **(4B)**.





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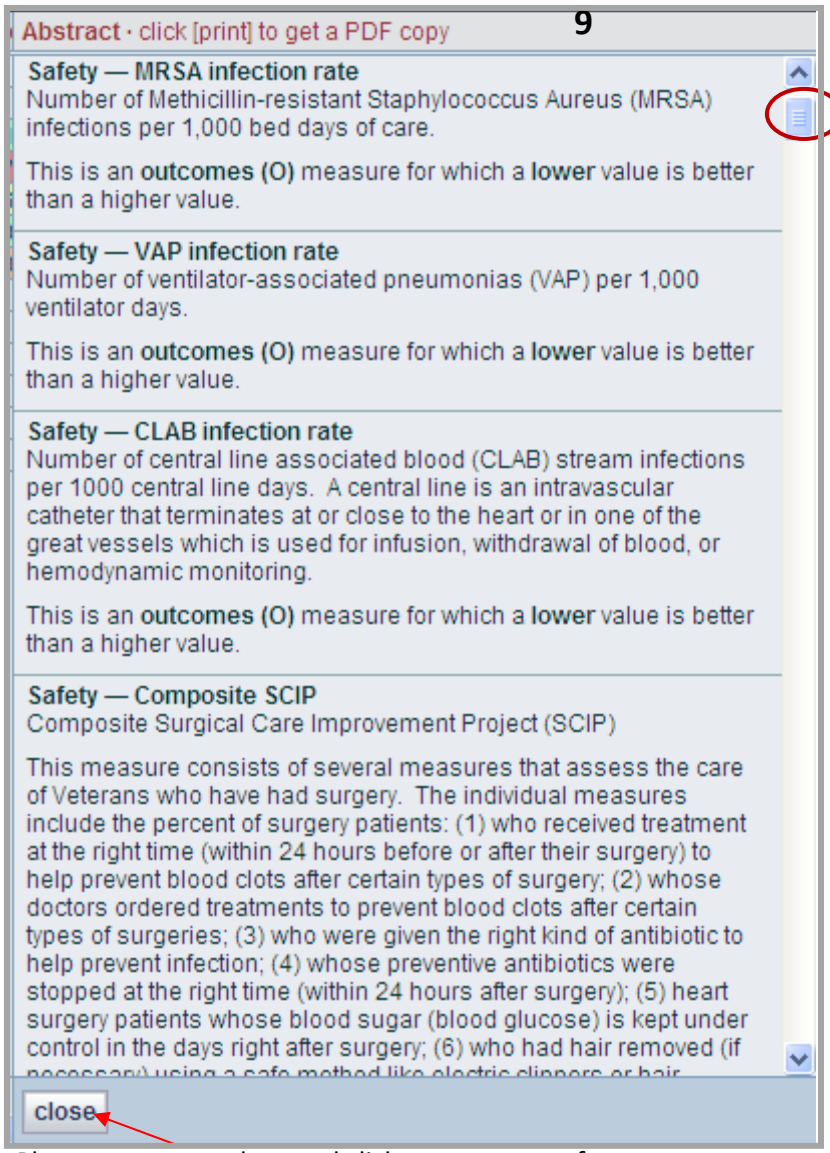
6 Time period. Results for the current period are at the top of drop down box. Click on the other time periods to see previous results.

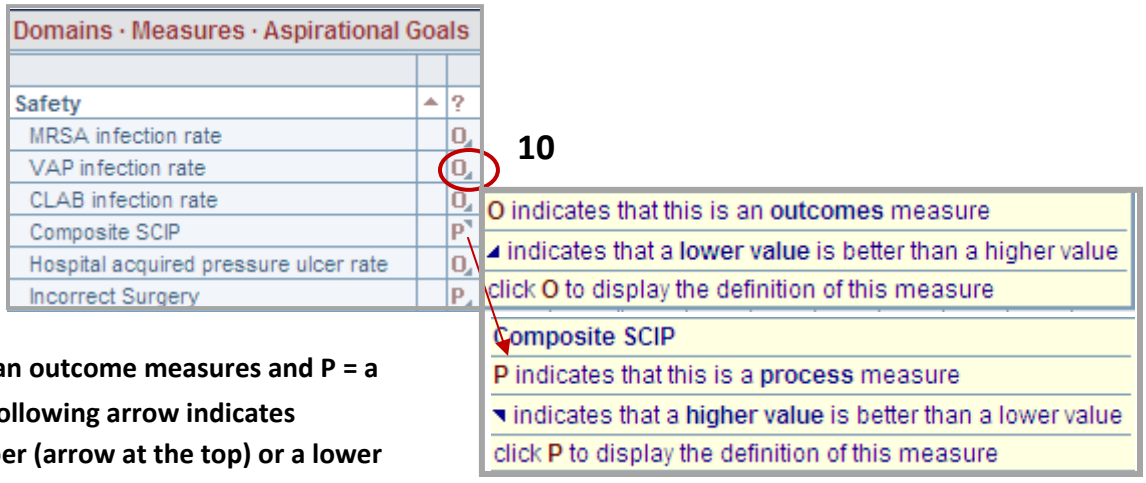
7 Trending Indicator

8 help/ print and drop down box will show the help, print and abstact.

9 When you click on abstract the definitions of domains and measures are displayed. Scroll down on the right hand side to see all the domains and measures

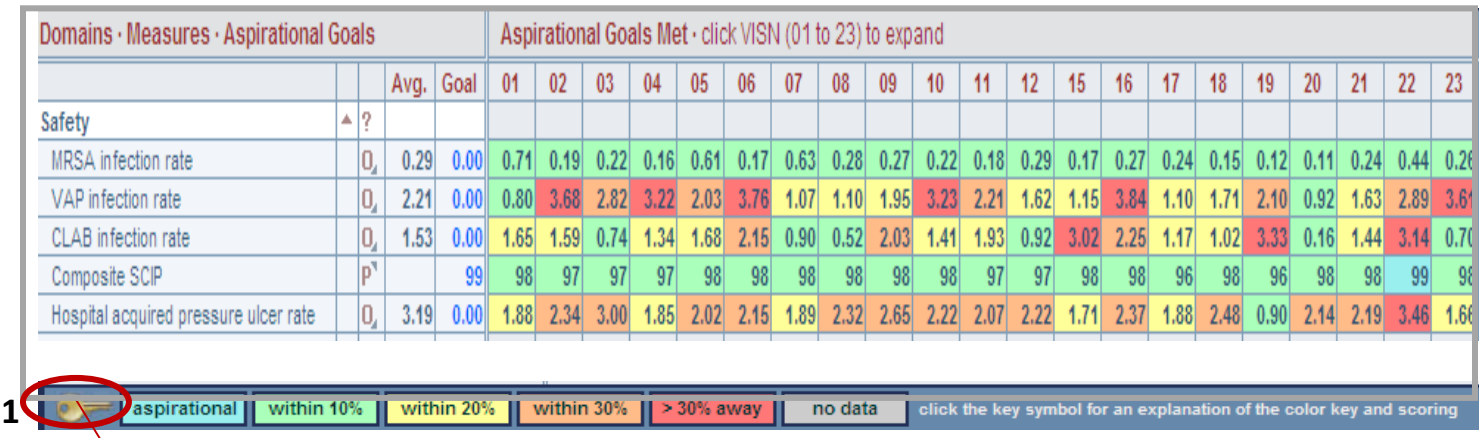


Place cursor over close and click to return to safety measure scores



10 O in this column = an outcome measures and P = a process measure. The following arrow indicates whether a higher number (arrow at the top) or a lower number (arrow in the bottom corner is best. Place the cursor over the O and the display definition will show; Repeat for P

11 What do the colors mean? Click on the key at the bottom of the left hand side of the dashboard and there will be an explanation of the color coding.



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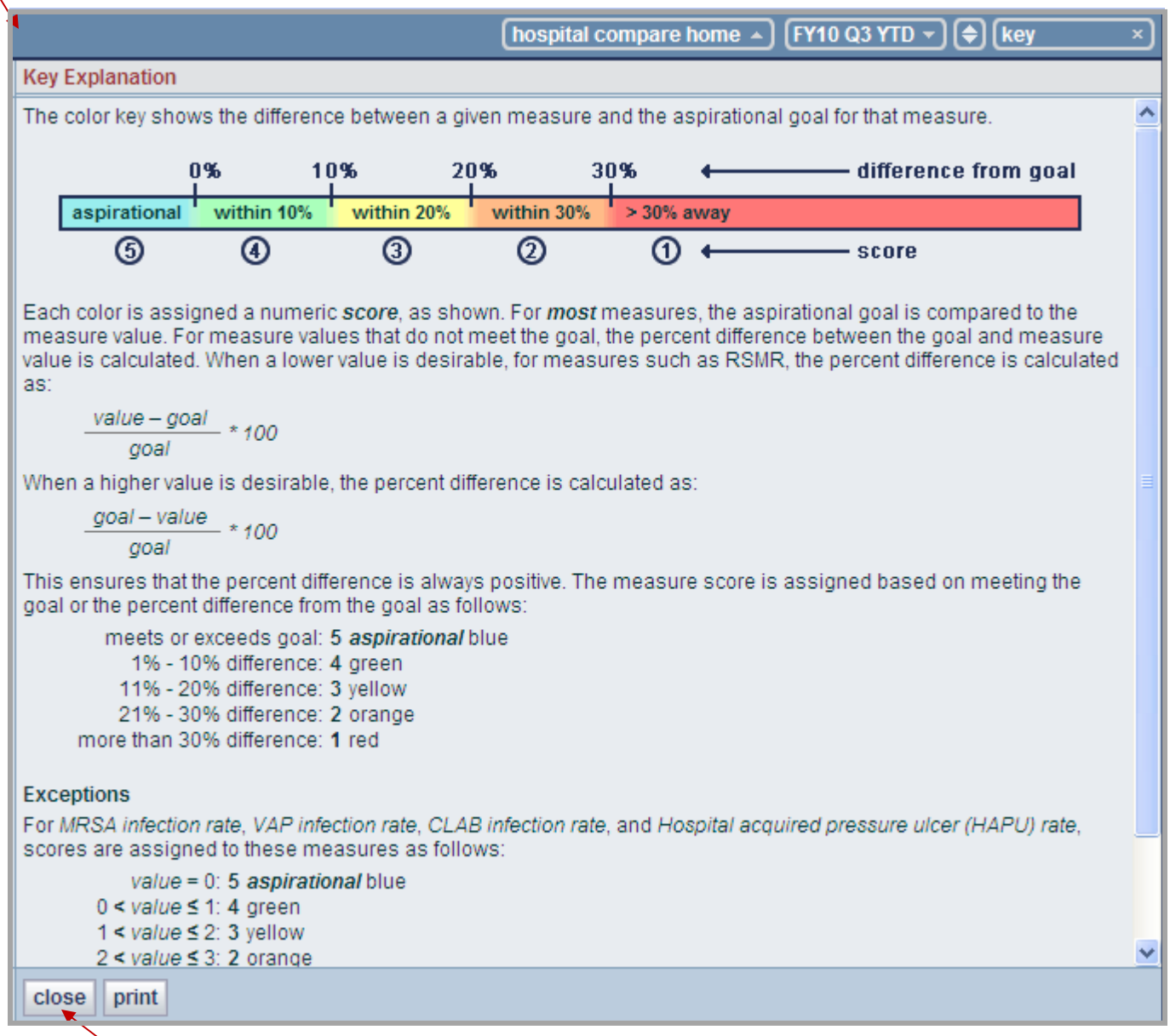

Click on close to return to the dashboard